1	2	3	4
1st Qtr.	4975	25693	30668
July	9362	11766	21128
August	3847	4317	8164
September	1680	8021	9701
2nd Qtr.	14889	24104	38993
Kharif 08	19864	49797	69661
October	6015	13876	19891
November	6497	6876	13373
December	0		
3rd Qtr.	12512	20752	33264
January 09	0	0	0
February	0	0	0
March	0	0	0
4th Qtr.	0	0	0
Rabi 08-09	12512	20752	33264
TOTAL :	32376	70549	102925

Recovery of penalty from erring pharma companies

2053.SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether drug regulator needs power as Government had imposed Rs.1627 crores penalty on companies but recovery has been only Rs.130 crores till October;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons of low recovery;

(c) what are the steps being taken to recover all the amount;

(d) whether norms for sale of medical devices likely by February, 2009;

(e) whether Government is also setting up outlets to sell drugs at cheaper prices; and

(f) whether price control is necessary in drug market and what are the efforts being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) Since the inception of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in August 1997, NPPA has raised a total demand of Rs. 1830.57 crores (up to 15.12.08) for recovery towards overcharged amount, under the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 1995) read with Essential Commodities Act, 1955. NPPA has recovered Rs.139.54 crores so far

(upto 15.12.08) from defaulting companies. NPPA continues to take appropriate action regularly for recovery of the overcharged amount. In some cases the recovery is affected where the companies have approached the Hon'ble Courts and the cases are still *sub-judice.*

(d) At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to regulate the sale of medical devices. However, a guideline specifying requirements for manufacturing, import of medical devices is being prepared. The time frame for the same is yet to be finalised.

(e) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to open "Jan Aushadhi" generic drug stores in the country depending upon the financial assistance and other support offered by respective State Governments. The first generic drug store in the name of "Jan Aushadhi" has been opened at Civil Hospital, Amritsar (Punjab) on 25.11.2008.

(f) Price control mechanism of the Government is based on the economic criteria aimed at controlling monopolies in the mass consumption drugs. The Government believes that in most of the cases competition is not able to control the prices and consequently there is need to exercise price control. Presently, price control on drugs is done under the provisions of Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1995. To strengthen the price control mechanism a Draft National Pharmaceuticals Policy was submitted before the Cabinet for its approval. The Cabinet considered the Policy in its meeting held on 11-1-2007 and decided that the matter may, in the first instance, be considered by a Group of Ministers (GOM). GOM has since been constituted and has held four meetings so far. GOM is yet to make its recommendations to the Cabinet.

Fertilizer industries in the country

2054.SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of fertilizer industries that have closed down between the years 2002-03 and 2008-09;

(b) the names of those fertilizer industries which have been set up during last five years mentioning the years of establishment;

(c) the number of such industries as existing now along with the names of the States and UTs;

(d) the quantity of fertilizer imported in the year 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09; and

(e) the reasons for closure of the industries for import of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) A Statement showing fertilizer industries closed between 2002-03 and 2008 is given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The details of fertilizer industries established during 2002-2003 to 2008-09 are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) A Statement showing the number of existing fertilizer industries with their names, State/UT wise, are given in the Statement-III (*See* below).